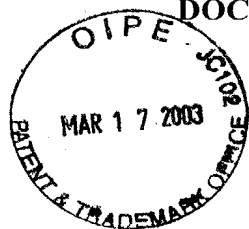


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- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated January 15, 2003.
- ☐ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed
- ☐ Other:
- ☒ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as:

- ☐ an Independent Inventor
- ☐ a Small Business Concern
- ☐ a Nonprofit Organization
- ☐ This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ Loss of Entitlement Enclosed
- ☐ Substitute Pages of the Specification are enclosed.
- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.
- ☒ 2 Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
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- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
 - ☐ Attached Form 1449.
 - ☐ A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
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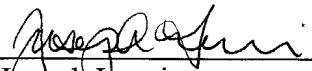
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the Final Rejection mailed January 15, 2003. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Figures

Please amend Figures 4 and 5A as presented in the attached pages.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 27 as follows.

27. An oligonucleotide comprising a molecular interaction site that is present in prokaryotic RNA and in at least one additional prokaryotic RNA, wherein said molecular interaction site serves as a binding site for at least one molecule that when bound to said molecular interaction